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INFO AMCONSUL RIO DE JANEIRO

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAB: ENRG, LY BR

SUBJECT: PETROLEUM; LIBYAN NATIONALIZATION ACTIONS

EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING REPORT FROM CONSEN RIO:

1. OCT 1 JORNAL DO BRASIL CARRIED LEGAL NOTICE OF ESSO STANDARD LIBYA, IATONH AND ESSO SIRTE INC. RE STATUS ITS CONCESSIONS WITH LIBYAN GOVT. NOTES THAT CONCESSIONS AWARDED TO COMPANIES GIVE THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS TO PRODUCTION, EXPORTING, AND OTHER ACTIONS RE CRUDE PETROLEUM, NATURAL GAS, AND OTHER HYDROCARBONS. UNILATERAL ACTION OF LIBYAN GOVT IN SEEKING BY DECREE OF SEP 1 TO TRANSFER THESE RIGHTS TO NATIONAL OIL CO OF LIBYA IS BOTH VIOLATIONS OF CONCESSIONS AND OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. COMPANIES CONSIDER THEIR RIGHTS STILL IN FORCE AND THAT NO OTHER COMPANY HAS THE RIGHT TO EXPORT OR SELL ANY OF THE PRODUCT. NOTICE CONCLUDES THAT "EACH OF THE COMPANIES INTENDS TO TAKE THE MEASURES WHICH IT CONSIDERS JUST TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE ITS RIGHTS AGAINST THOSE WHO, THROUGH THE PURCHASE OF

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CRUDE OR OTHER HYDROCARBONS, OR THROUGH THE NEGOTIATIONS
OR CONCLUSION OF A CONTRACT RELATING TO THE CONCESSIONS,
OR IN ANY OTHER WAY, INTERFERE OR TRY TO INTERFERE WITH
THESE RIGHTS OR INTENDS TO CAUSE MORE INFRACTIONS."



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